

Basil Grimes Post No. 222



CROOKSVILLE, OHIO
August 7 1938

Mr. Joseph P. Reis
Fairbury Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to the County Clerk of Perry County Ohio has been turned over to me to see if I can find any information of Edward DeLong.

The old timers of the DeLong family are all gone, but with ~~but with~~ the aid of records if any and some help from people who are interested I will make a real effort to be of service to you.

This is no doubt some of my family and as you mentioned about an old family bible I wonder if it would possible for you to send me the dates from it or ask the present owner to do so, being interested in my family history I would like very much to add the same to dates and records we have.

Hoping that I may find something that will help you.

Yours truly

D. D. De Long
241- N. Buckeye St.
Crooksville Ohio

MARTIN L. DAVEY
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF SOLDIERS CLAIMS & RECORDS
107 WYANDOTTE BUILDING
COLUMBUS

EMIL F. MARX
ADJUTANT GENERAL
JOHN M. WELLS
SUPERVISOR

January 28, 1938.

Mr. J. P. Reis,
Fairbury,
Illinois.

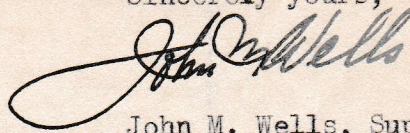
Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 23, 1938, we wish to advise that we have checked our Mexican War records and do not have a Captain Edward DeLong listed therein.

We do find, however, two Edward DeLong's who served in the Civil War. One Edward DeLong enlisted as a Sergeant in Company B, 147th Regt. Ohio Vol. Inf. and was twenty-six years of age when he enlisted on May 2, 1864. He was mustered out with company August 30, 1864. The other Edward DeLong enlisted as a Private in Company D, 30th Regt. Ohio Vol. Inf. and was thirty-nine years of age when he enlisted on August 16, 1861. He was discharged December 7, 1863, at hospital, St. Louis, Mo., on Surgeon's certificate of disability.

We hope that the above information will be of some service to you.

Sincerely yours,



John M. Wells, Supervisor,
Soldiers Claims and Records.

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CROOKSVILLE, OHIO
August 24 1938

Mr. J.P. Reis
Fairbury Ill.

Dear Sir:-

In returning the enclosed correspondence I wish to thank you kindly for sending it to me that I might copy dates and learn of the people who are no doubt my relatives.

I am working on the records of Edward DeLong and hope that soon I may have something that will help you.

Truly yours

O. D. De Long

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CROOKSVILLE, OHIO

The Civil War record as given is the record of Edward DeLong son of Joseph and Elizabeth DeLong, and Joseph was a son of George DeLong and wife Jane Ward DeLong, our pioneer ancestor who came to Ohio and settled in York Twp. Belmont Co. Ohio in the year 1802.

Joseph DeLong lived in Richland Twp. Guernsey Co. Ohio and was Justice of the Peace there in 1811. Joseph served in the War of 1812 in Ohio, his son Edward no doubt was born in Guernsey Co. Ohio about 1817.

The earliest records I have of Joseph DeLong in Perry Co. Ohio are 1819-1820 being a transfer of land (Joseph DeLong to Jerimiah Reed Sec. 11 Twp. 16-R 15 part of the S.W. quarter 45 acres- Oct 26 1819- Vol. C. Page 452).

Joseph DeLong and family were Catholic as shown in his (Perry Co.) will requesting his minor daughters to be educated at St. Marys Seminary.

Edward DeLong discharged 1963
Time of discharged, Age 46 See army discharge.

Born 1817

Captain Edward DeLong buried in St. Patricks Cemetary Chatsworth Ill.
Born in Guernsey Co. Ohio 1817.
Married Aug. 7th. 1838 (Age 21)
Died April 12th. 1885.
A son J.L. DeLong born in Perry Co. Ohio June 18th. 1839.

Edward DeLong (bro. of Joseph) had a son Edward, they also lived in Perry Co. Ohio, but I have their entire family record as they left Perry Co. Ohio and moved to Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co. Iowa, (This son Edward B. 1831- D. 1904). These are the only two Edward DeLongs that I have in my records, if there were others I have not the records and I know of no other DeLong either in Perry Co. or Guernsey Co. excepting our line of DeLongs.

I believe this " Civil War Veteran " whos record you have is the Edward DeLong whom the Investigator is searching, certainly the only Edward DeLong Of Guernsey Co. and Perry Co. Ohio whose record I have ever had.

The above is from the records of Miss Marguerite L. DeLong 600 S. 9th. St. Cambridge Guernsey Co. Ohio.

The following is from the records of Saint Joseph's Priory Somerset Ohio.

Edward DeLong and Ruth Lackey were united in marriage Aug. 7th. 1838 by F.H. Clarkson, (old Register page 129)

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C.I. Litzinger O.P.

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CROOKSVILLE, OHIO
Sept. 13 1938

Mr. Joseph P. Reis
Fairbury Ill.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed information is about all that I can find at the
the present time but hope that it may be of help to you.

If at any future time you want to write me about any thing as to records
of which I may be of help feel free to do so.

It has been a pleasure to be of assistance to you and I would like to hear
from you as to how this all turns out.

Very truly yours,

D. W. De Long
Crooksville Ohio

ALBERT J. DE LONG

ARCHITECT

Re: Grave of E.de L., St. Patricks,
Chatsworth, Illinois.

1814 Lincoln Park West
Chicago, Illinois
January 6th, 1938.

Mr. J. P. Reis
Fairbury, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Reis;

My attention has only recently been called to your request of December 15th to my father Albert C. De Long, deceased Nov. 10th, 1937, by his second wife who knows little of the family history.

I am very interested in the further identification of the grave marked E.de L. at St. Patricks in Chatsworth but regret that I can offer little factual data, being of the third or fourth generation of De Longs.

I have searched the family Bible and albums in my possession (fine pictures but few names or records) but find only the notation of the marriage of Edward De Long to Ruth Lackey, August 7th, 1838. From this I take it that Edward De Long was either the father or brother of my grandfather Joseph L. De Long, a former merchant in Chatsworth and a lieutenant in the Ohio Volunteers. I have a picture of the old store with sign "DE LONG & BRO" in Chatsworth before the 80's. He died in 1900 and is buried at Mound Grove, Kankakee. Possibly the Chatsworth Plaindealer files would tell of his direct relatives.

Joseph L. De Long came from Ohio to Chatsworth, married my grandmother Aurelia Knecht from Shelbyville. She has one living sister, Mrs. Anna Moore, Terre Haute, Ind., to whom I will write for possible information.

There remain two children from this marriage, my fathers brother and sister from whom I believe you can receive more intelligent information and who should be able to explain Edwards title and identity.

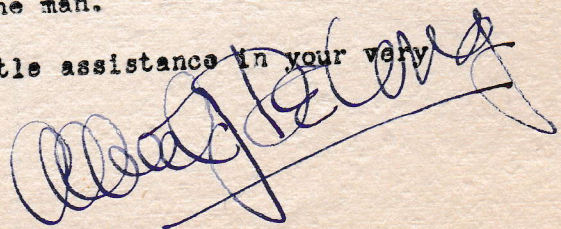
Maidie De Long
Walnut Creek, California.

Raymond De Long
R.R.#3 Box #137
Seattle, Washington.

I have often heard mention the De Long-Jeannette polar expedition, 1879-1882 (reference encyclopedia) that was captained by a relative but question whether this is the man.

Sorry that I can be of so little assistance in your very appreciated investigation,

Sincerely,





VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

October 17, 1938

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO:

MBAB-2

Mr. J. P. Reis
512 West Hickory Street
Fairbury, Illinois

DELONG, Edward
SC-112,802

Dear Sir:

This is in response to your letter of September 25, 1938 relative to the above captioned case.

Reference to the file shows that Edward Delong, age forty-six years, was enrolled August 16, 1861, mustered in at Camp Chase, Ohio, on August 28, 1861, served as a Corporal, Company D, 30th Ohio Infantry and was discharged December 7, 1863. There is no record of the date and place of his death nor any information in file relative to his family or whether he had any service other than that listed above.

All communications relative to this case should bear the veteran's name and refer to the number SC-112,802.

Respectfully

E. L. Bailey

E. L. BAILEY
Director
Dependents Claims Service

Seattle, Wash.
January 24, 1938.

Mr. J. P. Reis,
Works Progress Administration,
Fairbury, Illinois,

Dear Mr. Reis,

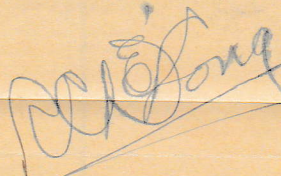
In reply to your letter of inquiry relative to the Company and Regiment of which my Grand Father Captain Edward DeLong belonged. I am very sorry to state that I cannot enlighten you on this subject. As a very young boy I can remember the parents saying that Grand Father served in the Mexican war from the state of Ohio.

Received a letter from my Sister in Walnut Creek California and she informs me that she has given you a Carrie Cook (Moran) resident of Fairbury also Augustus DeLong of Eureka, California who may be able to give you some information.

If in the future you may wish to communicate regarding this Edward DeLong or my Father Joseph Laurence DeLong do not hesitate to call upon me as I shall be only too pleased to render what assistance I can in clearing up the record

Yours very truly

Raymond C. DeLong
Rte 3 Box 137 Seattle, Wash.



Walnut Creek, Calif.
Feb 18, 1938.

Mr J. P. Reis,
Fairbury, Ill.

Dear Mr Reis:

Your letter of Feb 13th received. In reply I will say that I can positively say that my grandmothers maiden name was Ruth Lackey, so I am sure that the Edward Delong whose record you have of the marriage to her is my grandfather.

I often heard my father speak of his mother's maiden name, as well as his sister Mrs Cook, who had a picture of her.

My father's two sisters married brothers by the name of Cook, and the one I speak of who had the picture lived on a farm near Cullom Ill. Mrs Cook and her husband are both dead, in fact, the whole family of ten have died except one boy, who still lives in or near Cullom on a farm. I think his name is Frank Cook and if you write to him to Cullom Ill, you can then check up on the name of our grandmother.

I am sorry not to be able to give you information as to where my father died. I can just say that I think he died in Ohio. There is one thing of which I am positive, and that is that my grandmother's name was Ruth Lackey.

Trusting that this information will be of help to you I remain

Yours very truly,

Maidie DeLong

Walnut Creek, Calif.

San Diego, Calif.
January 15, 1938.

Mr J. P. Reis,
Fairbury, Ill.

Dear Sir: In answer to your letter of January 9th, asking for information about my grandfather Captain Edward De Long. I know very little about him as he died the year I was born. I do know that he is buried at Chatsworth for I remember going with my parents on Decoration Day to visit his grave, altho I was very young at the time.

My own father was a Civil War Veteran (2nd Lt. from an Ohio Regiment) The State of Ohio was where he was born, and his father died there and was brought to Chatsworth for burial. He was no doubt enlisted in an Ohio Regiment also.

My father's brother A. J. De Long (deceased) had several sons, one of which is now living at Eureka California. He may be able to give you the information you require, and I am sending your letter to him, requesting him to get in touch with you.

Another source where you might obtain information would be from my father's sister's daughter. She is much older than the rest of us, and when she lived at Chatsworth visited his grave, in fact I was with her on one of these occasions. Her maiden name was Carry Cook and she married a John Moran and went to live at Fairbury, where she lived a number of years, later moving to Winona Minn, and this is where we last heard from her. John Moran was a coal miner at Fairbury, in fact I think he owned a mine near there. He was well known there, and I think if you inquire there you might learn the whereabouts of his widow. I believe he had brothers living in that community, and I learned accidentally this past year from two old men by the name of Thayer, residents of Fairbury, that John Moran had a son who makes his headquarters at Fairbury; he follows the races in some capacity.

At my home in Walnut Creek I have my father's GAR badge and I think his Company and Regiment is on it, but I am not sure. He was a member of the Post at Chatsworth. I am wondering if he ever signed any papers giving information about his father, and if they would be on record. My father came from Perry County Ohio.

I am very sorry that I am not able to give you any more information than I have, but am hoping that you will be able to locate Mrs John Moran, as she is the one most likely to help you.

Address

Walnut Creek, Calif.

Yours very truly,

Maidie DeLong

P. S. I believe, altho I am not sure, my grandfather fought in the Mexican War.